TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE Transcriber's Office FLOOR DEBATE

May 10, 2001 LB 305A, 305

embryos, fetuses and zygotes some of these people would be getting up and standing on this floor and speaking in their behalf. Where are all those who talked about these unborn fetuses...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that are being sacrificed?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Suttle, on the motion to indefinitely postpone LB 305A.

Thank you, Mr. President. SENATOR SUTTLE: Members of the Legislature, I... I rise to oppose the indefinitely postpone. It may not be in the final bill, but it should go along with Senator Chambers, I, for one, do care about what happens in OPS and I do care what happens in the eastern part of the city. I want to see all children in OPS get the very best education they possibly can. I also think that there have been many wrongs in the past. I think they are trying at this point to right those wrongs. They're not doing it as quickly as I'd like to see and certainly not as quickly as you would like to see, but I think, from what I hear from the Board of Education, that they are looking at all the problems that are occurring in OPS and trying to address those problems and right those wrongs. In the meantime, I, for one, as a...as the Vice Chair of the Education Committee, will keep a very close look on what is going on at OPS; always have looked at what's going on in OPS and have voiced my concerns and my cares throughout the years. I want to assure you that things are being addressed and that teachers will be reassigned. I want you to think about If you assign a teacher to a place where they think something. they shouldn't go, it's going to be a negative...a negative experience for the kids. I would like every teacher to look at kids who are harder for them to educate as a challenge and not as a yoke around their necks. I know of many teachers that feel that this is a challenge; that this is something that will stimulate them and to make them better teachers if they educate these kids so that they can bring themselves out of poverty. Education is the only thing that will bring them out of poverty. So I do agree with your concerns and will, as one of the